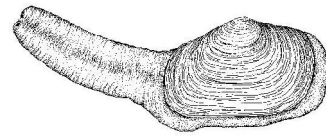

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale **with a 400 pound limit per diver** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 9, 2012:**

District 1:

North Kirk Point to Bullhead Cove (Subdistrict 101-23-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 9,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 9, 2012:**

District 3:

Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-003): will be open for a remaining harvest of 3,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

The following area will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2012:**

District 3:

Little Steamboat Bay (Subdistrict 103-70-002): will be open for a remaining harvest of 17,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name and the location of harvest. **Geoducks from different areas must be kept separated until they are delivered to a processor or dealer and recorded on a fish ticket.**

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules the Alaska Department of Fish and Game must receive timely information about the daily harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying

their geoduck clams with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, February 10, 2012 with a harvest estimate by subdistrict.**

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M0412.

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